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Jn.8:47 He that is of God heareth the words of God: for this cause ye hear them not because ye are not of God.

1 Cor.2:14 The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned."

INTRO. In Jesus day there were many who did not hear God's voice because they could not on account of their wrong living and erronious views of life. In our day there are many who for the same reason do not and cannot hear God speak to them. But this does not alter the fadt that God does speak and that there are some who hear Him. Because there are caves in perpetual darkness does not alter the fact that there is a sun emitting light-rays. Because there are persons blind who cannot see does not prevent those with eyesight from seeing.

A great principle involved in our two texts- the principle of mutual adjustment.

Mr. Wambolt's tuningfork-key of C when struck awakened a response in another of the same pitch.

This the basic fact of wireless telegraphy. Wireless not an invention but a discovery.

Prof. Pupin's description of a red ray of light traveling from the sun, upon reaching the earth passes by everything in the gardens and meadows until it reaches a rose or some other flower coordinated with it.

The same holds true in the spiritual realm. The man who would hear God must be attuned, or adjusted, to the nature and character of God.

I. Let us begin with nature, for this is the universal medi medium thru which God communicates with his children of earth.

Some hear God speak in every natural object and activity. "Every common bush is aflame with God" To them the heavens declare the Glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

But to others no such voices ever speak to them. They hear not but physical sounds nor see anything but with their physical eyes.

They are bond-slaves to their five senses. They have no spiritual apprehension, no clairvoyance, no soul-sight. What a calamity to live in a universe so vibrant with messages of truth and yet not hear the

voice of God.

II. Does God still speak to us thru the Scriptures?

Many read the Bible as mere students of literature. Myths and parables, songs a legends and historical narratives. It furnishes a splendid opportunity to study human nature in all its aspects and human personalities. But no God speaks to them thru the scriptures. To them the scriptures are no differe from any other literature.

But ~~8888~~ to some the Bible speaks as the Word of God? What is the difference between these two classes of people?

The difference is in their relation to God. Some like Samuel hold themselves in readiness to hear God's voice when they read their Bible. "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth".

But others are too wise for that. They are filled with their own rediculous philosophies of life and hear no God speak to them, either in the scriputres or in anything else.

If we would give the Bible as careful study as we do any other study book, it would not be long before we would hear the still small voice of God.

III. And for the same reason we understand why some accept Jesus Christ as the Living Word of God, while others reject him as such, recognizing in Him only a man like the rest of us.

It behooves us well only to remember how Charles Darwin devoting his whole life to the sciences, lamented at the close of his life that he had starved his spiritual nature.

IV. What a tragedy it is that so many Xns are total strangers to the very Holy Spirit of God. Their own spirits are so out of tune with the Infinite that they cannot fellowship with God's Spirit.

Sin is the disease that prevents us from hearing God's voice.